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SUBJECT: NEW COCOM DELEGATES

1. THREE COCOM DELEGATES HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE SHORTLY REPLACED. PIERRE DUMONT HAS BEEN SUCCEDED AS FRENCH DEL BY JEAN ALLEX-LYOU DI, TADASHI IKEDA AS JAPANESE DEL BY MASAKI SAITO. FOR CANADA, ROLAND GOULET WILL BE REPLACED NEXT MONTH BY LISE LACHAPPELLE.

2. MOST INTERESTING CHANGE IS THE FRENCH, BECAUSE OF THE SHORT TIME (ONLY A YEAR AND A HALF) THAT DUMONT HAD BEEN ON THE JOB AND THE YOUTH AND RELATIVELY JUNIOR RANK OF HIS REPLACEMENT. DUMONT'S PREDECESSOR, MICHEL VARNOUX, WAS A SENIOR OFFICER AND WAS ASSIGNED AS CONSUL GENERAL IN ANTWERP AFTER HIS LONG COCOM SERVICE ENDED. DUMONT, ALSO A SENIOR OFFICER, GOES TO THE CULTURAL DIVISION OF THE QUAI D'ORSAY. IN CONTRAST TO BOTH VARNOUX AND DUMONT, JEAN ALLEX-LYOU DI HAS HAD ONLY TWO DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS, MONTREAL AND MOST RECENTLY BANGUI, WHERE HE WAS SECOND OFFICER IN A TWO-MAN POST. HE LOOKS TO BE NOT OVER THIRTY IF THAT. WE HESITATE TO DRAW ANY INFERENCES ABOUT FRENCH ATTITUDES TO COCOM FROM THIS CHANGE.

3. THE NEW DELEGATES OF JAPAN AND CANADA ARE BOTH COM-
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ING FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS. LIKE HIS PREDECES-

SOR, SAITO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO TAIWAN, SPEAKS CHINESE,
AND SPENT SIX MONTHS AT HARVARD IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES.
ALL WE KNOW ABOUT MISS LACHAPPELLE IS THAT, ACCORDING TO
HER PREDECESSOR, SHE IS YOUNG AND PRETTY. MR. IKEDA
HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SECTION OF HIS
FOREIGN OFFICE IN TOKYO, WHILE MR. GOULET WILL BECOME
SECOND OFFICER AT THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN ABIDJAN.
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